HEIRS OF JOHN W. JOHNSON.

January 19, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON, of Idaho, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9162.]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9162) for the relief of the heirs of John W. Johnson, beg leave to submit the following report:

This case appears to be especially meritorious, and from the evidence presented to the committee it is clearly apparent that the desired legislation should be had.

The Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office concludes an exhaustive report with the following language:

I think the party should be given the relief provided by the pending bill, and I so recommend.

The Honorable Secretary of the Interior reports as follows:

It appears that as long ago as November 29, 1890, in the case of John W. Johnson, ex parte, then pending before this Department, it was decided (11 L. D., 527) that the relief contemplated by this bill should be granted by Congress. In view of that fact and the manifest equities involved I have no objection to urge against the passage of the bill.

The committee therefore unanimously recommend the passage of the bill.